

Claims

- [c1] 1. An apparatus for controlling a media event, comprising,
- (a) a controller capable of communicating with a media device, said controller including,
 - (i) a processor for performing machine executable instructions for communicating device specific commands to the media device, and
 - (ii) a machine readable medium having the machine executable instructions for communicating device specific commands to the media device; and
 - (b) an overlay removably attached to said controller, said overlay including,
 - (i) a plurality of user inputs, and
 - (ii) a machine readable medium having machine executable instructions representing device independent commands for controlling media events;
 - (c) wherein, upon actuation of a said user input, said processor performs one or more of said instructions of said overlay representing device independent commands for controlling media events and, based thereon, performs one or more of the machine exe-

cutable instructions for communicating device specific commands to the media device, resulting in said controller communicating one or more device specific commands to the media device, and, thereby controlling a media event.

[c2] 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said machine executable instructions of said overlay are specific to media content that is presented utilizing the media device.

[c3] 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said user inputs comprises buttons.

[c4] 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of said user inputs comprises a button having indicia thereon representative of media content that is presented upon actuation of said button by a user.

[c5] 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said at least one user input comprises a designated area of said overlay.

[c6] 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said overlay comprises a switch matrix that provides an electronic signal upon actuation of a said user input.

[c7] 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said controller comprises a switch matrix that provides an electronic signal upon actuation of a said user input of said over-

lay.

- [c8] 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the media event comprises media presentation.
- [c9] 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the media event comprises capturing, recording, transferring, and/or moving of video and/or audio content.
- [c10] 10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said controller is capable of communicating device specific commands with each of a plurality of different media devices, and wherein said machine executable instructions of said overlay, which represent device independent commands for controlling media events, are independent of the different media devices.
- [c11] 11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each user input is disposed for direct contact by a user for actuation thereof.